## Knowing God

1. I understand the essential beliefs of the Christian faith, and feel confident that I could explain them to a non-religious friend.  
2. I have a good knowledge of the Bible, including its major events and themes, and I know how to read it for maximum understanding.  
3. If someone were to ask me, “What do United Methodists believe?” I feel confident in my ability to answer them.  
4. I understand basic Christian ethics, and I know how to draw upon my faith to come to conclusions about important moral and ethical issues.  
5. I have a good understanding of God’s will for human beings, and I know how to discern his will for my life in particular.

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**Note:** No one can concentrate on too many things at once. Look first at the individual questions, and then turn to the inside of this folder to consider next steps. Seek to find one or more areas in which you can grow in your relationship with God. Use the following scale as a general guide to the three levels:

- 0-2 Level 1
- 3-4 Level 2
- 5 Level 3

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## Loving God

1. I know God has the power to transform lives and I’m open and responsive to wherever that may lead in my life.  
2. I lay aside my own desires and sense of importance and submit to God’s will for my life.  
3. As a means of growing in Christ, I purposefully practice various spiritual disciplines in my life.  
4. I am experiencing “the fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22) in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.  
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## Serving God

1. I invest time in building my relationships with God and with others.  
2. I know my God-given spiritual gifts, and am actively serving Christ by using those gifts.  
3. I give back to Christ by giving to the church and to others in proportion to my income, with at least 10% as my goal.  
4. I spend time serving in God’s world by helping meet critical needs and showing what it means to follow Jesus Christ.  
5. I am actively nurturing the spiritual lives of others, sharing my faith story, offering spiritual encouragement and leading others to Christ.

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**The Journey: Knowing, Loving and Serving God**

At Church of the Resurrection, our purpose is to build a Christian community where non and nominally religious people are becoming deeply committed Christians. Christians who know, love, and serve God. This short assessment is designed to help you identify where you are in your spiritual journey so that you can make better choices to guide your growth.

Use these 15 questions to assess where you are at honestly and prayerfully. Add up your totals, and select one or two of the suggested next steps.
Knowing God: Becoming Theologically Informed

1. I have a growing understanding of the essential beliefs of the Christian faith, and feel confident that I share my understanding of them with a non-religious friend.

2. Many Christians find a hymnal their most helpful spiritual book after the Bible. Buy a United Methodist hymnal to use in daily private and family devotion. Read the words of one hymn daily as you pray. Sing the ones you like. Study and memorize the words and prayers.

3. I have a growing knowledge of the Bible, including its major events and themes, and I know how to read it daily for maximum understanding.

4. I have a growing understanding of basic Christian ethics, and I am continually developing a deeper ability to draw upon my faith in order to come to conclusions about important moral and ethical issues.

Loving God: Becoming Spiritually Transformed

1. I know how the power to transform lives and I’m open and responsive to wherever that may lead in my life.

2. I have a growing ability to lay aside my own desires and sense of importance and submit to God’s will for my life.

3. I have discovered my God-given spiritual gifts, and regularly take steps to develop those gifts and to actively serve Christ by using them.

4. I give back to Christ by giving to the church and to others in proportion to my income, with at least 10% as my goal.

Serving God: Serving God daily in the World

1. I actively serve in God’s world by helping meet critical needs through acts of justice and mercy, showing in actions what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

2. I am actively nurturing the spiritual lives of others by sharing my faith story, offering spiritual encouragement and leading others to Christ.

3. I invest in building my relationships with God and with others, and I increasingly manage my time according to God’s priorities.

4. Review your entire calendar. Ask three people who know you well about the course of action you are currently making, (for example, your church or Bible study pastor, or a close friend). Ask them, “What do you think I’m struggling with in my spiritual growth?” Ask them, “What can I do to grow spiritually?” Seek out an accountability partner, or consider participating in an accountability group of three to six people who meet regularly in order to grow in faith and to encourage and hold each other accountable to your spiritual growth.

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